

In the Claims

1. An anhydrous composition comprising
 - (a) an antioxidant comprising over 40% by weight of hydrolysable tannins comprising Emblicanin A., Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin and Punigluconin,
 - (b) a substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous liquid vehicle functioning to disperse the antioxidant.
2. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant comprises by weight 50-80% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin and Punigluconin.
3. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant comprises by weight: 20-35% Emblicanin A, 10-20% Emblicanin B, 15-30% Pedunculagin and 3-12% Punigluconin.
4. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant has a content of flavonoids of less than 0.01% by weight.
5. A composition according to claim 1, wherein antioxidant has a content of Rutin of less than 0.01% by weight.
6. A composition according to claim 1, wherein antioxidant has a content of Rutin of 0.01 to 0.001% by weight.

7. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant of claim 1 has maximum absorbances (optical density) in the UV region of 0.8 at wavelength 410 nm, 0.1 at wavelength 470 nm, 0.08 at wavelength 530 nm, 0.09 at wavelength 590 nm, and 0.02 at wavelength 650 nm.

8. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, wherein the substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous liquid comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of silicone fluids, organic esters and glycols.

9. An anhydrous composition according to claim 8, wherein said substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous liquid comprises at least one silicone fluid.

10. An anhydrous composition according to claim 6, wherein said substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous liquid comprises at least one silicone fluid.

11. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one structural agent.

12. An anhydrous composition according to claim 10, further comprising at least one structural agent.

13. An anhydrous composition according to claim 12, wherein said structural agent is selected from the group consisting of high melting point fatty alcohols, glycerol esters, glycol esters, polyethylene polymers and polyethylene glycol polymers.

14. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, further comprising a gelling agent.

15. An anhydrous composition according to claim 6, further comprising a gelling agent.

16. An anhydrous composition according to claim 11, further comprising a gelling agent.

17. An anhydrous composition according to claim 16, wherein said gelling agent comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of silicone elastomers, gelled natural and mineral oil systems, and gelled mineral oil and polymer systems.

18. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

19. An anhydrous composition according to claim 10, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

20. An anhydrous composition according to claim 12, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

21. An anhydrous composition according to claim 13, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

22. An anhydrous composition according to claim 15, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

23. An anhydrous composition according to claim 16, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

24. An anhydrous composition according to claim 17, further comprising at least one sunscreen.

25. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

26. An anhydrous composition according to claim 6, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

27. An anhydrous composition according to claim 10, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

28. An anhydrous composition according to claim 12, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

29. An anhydrous composition according to claim 13, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

30. An anhydrous composition according to claim 16, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

31. An anhydrous composition according to claim 17, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

32. An anhydrous composition according to claim 18, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

33. An anhydrous composition according to claim 24, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

34. An anhydrous composition comprising a silicone liquid, a silicone elastomer, and bismuth oxychloride in sufficient amounts to impart an improved skin feel to the composition.

35. A method of producing an anhydrous composition according to claim 1, said anhydrous composition further comprising each one of a structural and gelling agent, said process comprising the steps of:

(1) mixing up to 80% of said substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous vehicle and 5 to 90% of a structural and/or gelling agent with sufficient heat and mixing until a clear and uniform mixture is obtained.

(2) mixing the anti-oxidant with a minor amount of about 1-20% of said substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous vehicle with a minor amount of about 1-30% of said

structural and/or gelling agent, under a sufficient heat but below 60°C until it contains no visible lumps, and

(3) mixing the product of step (2) with the product of step (1) at below 50°C.